



**Name** **WILLIAM EDWARD BRANDRICK**

**DOB** 1893

**Place of birth** Lichfield

**Lived** In 1911 he was boarding at 46 Compton in Leek. He later moved to Basford Lane, Leekbrook.

**Occupation** Wood sawner at Brough, Nicholson & Hall (silk mill), Leek

**Family** Son of Police Sgt John Edward Brandrick and Eliza Brandrick, of Trentham Police House  
He had an elder brother and two younger sisters

**Marital Status** Married to Hilda Birch in Cheadle in Sept 1917.  
Hilda remarried Clement Earnshaw in 1920

**Enlistment** November 1915

**Service** Machine Gun Corps (Motors)  
11<sup>th</sup> battery

**Reg number** 2660

**Rank** Gunner



**Date of death** 16 April 1918

**Age at death** 24

**Place of death** Belgium

**Cause of death** Instant death from a shell landing in dugout

**Grave or Memorial** Voormezeele Enclosures 1 and 2, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium I. H. 44.



**Medals** Victory Medal and British Medal

**Other information** In his obituary in the Weekly Sentinel of 11/5/1918, it was reported that his commanding officer had written: "He was one of the very best, steadiest and hardworking of men. His going leaves a gap in the section which can never be filled."  
William Brandrick is on Trentham war memorial, Leek war memorial and is also listed in the Machine Gun Corps Book of Remembrance in St Wulfrun's Church Grantham. His brother Lance-Corporal Brandrick was also in the Machine Gun Corps and survived the war.

